THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Education at elementary level is free for all children including girls. Government of India has recently launched the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to provide elementary education to all children in 6—14 year age-group by 2010. The on-going elementary education schemes, like the District Primary Education Programme (being implemented in 273 districts of 18 States), Lok Jumbish & Shiksha Karmi Projects (being implemented in Rajasthan) are also being implemented within the framework of SSA having a special focus on girls' education, with a provision of free text books to all girls/SC/ST children, specific innovative interventions for girls' education, enrolment and retention drives, community mobilisation, separate toilets for girls and remedial/coaching classes. The Tenth Plan allocation for elementary education is Rs. 28,750 crores, including Rs. 17,000 crores for SSA. Funds amounting to Rs. 91.00 lakhs during 2000-01, Rs. 5709.33 lakhs during 2001-02 and Rs. 4868.00 lakhs during 2002-03 (upto 31.11.2002) have been released to Punjab under SSA.

Under the scheme for Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel Facilities for Girl Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, financial assistance is being given to the eligible voluntary organisations to improve the enrolment of adolescent girls belonging to rural areas and weaker sections. This scheme is now being implemented as a component of the new scheme of 'Access with Equity' introduced from the Tenth Five Year Plan. No funds have been released to Punjab so far under these schemes.

Operational ICDS projects

2463. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of operational ICDS projects in the country, as on date; and

(b) the details regardings the total number of Anganwadi centres and the Anganwadi workers and helpers, working in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The information, as on 30.9.2002, is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise details of Anganwadi Centres and workers and helpers working in the country

Sl.No.	States/UTs	No. of Operational ICDS Projects	No. of Anganwadi Centres Sanctioned	No. of Anganwadi-Workers Inposition	No. of Anganwadi Helpers Inposition
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	251	39052	37412	38406
2	Arunachal Pradesh	49	1684	1654	1490
3	Assam	151	20152	19719	6750
4	Bihar	171	20058	18313	9555
5	Chhattisgarh	152	20289	20026	19871
6	Goa	11	1216	1007	1011
7	Gujarat	227	37961	31604	31537
8	Haryana	116	13546	13431	13538
9	Himachal Pradesh	72	7123	7066	7094
10	Jammu & Kashmir	120	10194	10106	10295
11	Jharkhand	152	16689	15604	15149
12	Karnataka	185	40301	40044	40206
13	Kerala	163	25494	23735	23411
14	Madhya Pradesh	335	46634	44432	44153
15	Maharashtra	331	57858	53304	50694
16	Manipur	34	4413	4371	4477
17	Meghalaya	32	2218	2195	2195
18	Mizoram	21	1341	1341	1341

1	2	3	4	5	6
19	Nagaland	52	2595	2581	2575
20	Orissa	308	31855	29823	31571
21	Punjab	142	15829	13341	13948
22	Rajasthan	257	35710	35125	35354
23	Sikkim	5	500	498	994
24	Tamil Nadu	431	44723	40421	13044
25	Tripura	39	3537	3507	3531
26	Uttar Pradesh	518	64582	54174	47616
27	Uttaranchal	54	4213	3606	3333
28	West-Bengal	337	53601	48210	47260
29	A&N Islands	5	527	429	429
30	Chandigarh	3	300	300	300
31	Delhi	28	3842	3842	3842
32	Dadra & N Hayeli	1	138	138	138
33	Daman & Diu	2	87	84	77
34	Lakshadweep	1	74	74	74
35	Pondicherry	5	677	677	677
	TOTAL:	**4761**	**629043**	**582194**	**525936**

Note: Based on data reported by States/UTs Administration.

Effective implementation of ICDS

2464. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Child Development Scheme, popularly known as Anganwadi programme, started a decade ago under the aegies of United Nations Development Projects, is being affected due to official apathy;

(b) whether around 2.5 lakhs children are enrolled under this scheme, which includes education of economically poor kids;